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The following is a listing of a copending U.S. patent application.

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Applicants consider the aforementioned document and the disclosure of its existence as a pending application to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as an admission either that the listed application constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that the listed application is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive the right to take appropriate action to antedate the listed application, or prior art cited with respect to such document, that does not constitute a statutory bar and that is applied against the claims of the present application, or to otherwise remove such document as a competent reference. Applicants assume that the examiner will have access to all of the references cited in the listed application. However, if the examiner wishes applicants to submit copies of each of the references cited in the listed application, the examiner is encouraged to inform applicants.

### TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The above-mentioned application is being disclosed as a possible related co-pending U.S. application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed application be considered by the Examiner, but that such application be treated as proprietary information in accordance with M.P.E.P. §724.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (D), so that the applicants can, if appropriate, subsequently-file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

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